GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:239
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2006
MAHILA COIR YOJANA
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has launched Mahila Coir Yojana;

(b): if so, the salient features of the scheme;

(c): whether such scheme is in operation all over the country;

(d): if so, the total number of women coir workers covered under the scheme alongwith the funds sanctioned during last three years including subsidy provided under the scheme;

(e): whether the scheme has been successful in enhancing the status of women; and

(f): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) to (f): A Statement is placed on the Table of the Sabha

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) IN RESPECT OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 239 BY SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR FOR ANSWER ON 8th AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING MAHILA COIR YOJANA.

(a)&(b): Government has been implementing `Mahila Coir Yojana` for self-employment of rural women artisans. Under the scheme, motorised ratts are distributed among women artisans after training them in spinning coir yarn. Subsidy of 75% of the cost of the ratt, subject to a ceiling of Rs. 7500/- for motorised ratt and Rs.2925/- for motorised traditional ratt, is also given.

(c): The scheme is implemented in areas, where coir is produced or aras where it is easily sourced from nearby areas.

(d), (e)& (f): The scheme has been successful in providing employment to rural women coir artisans and improving their productivity. Consequently, their incomes and living standards have improved. The details of assistance provided under the scheme during last three years are as below:

Year	Subsidy on ratts distributed (Rs. lakh)	No. of ratts distributed	No. of women trained
2003-04	64.26	1556	6829
2004-05	112.80	3212	13318
2005-06	643.66	4220	36168